

Minutes of Land Use, Parks and Environment Committee
Thursday, January 22, 2009

Chair Fritz Ruf the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m. and led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Committee Present: Supervisors Fritz Ruf (Chair) James Jeskewitz, Walter KolbJanel Brandtjen , Gilbert Yerke and Ted Rolfs (left at 11:38 a.m.; returned at 11:43 a.m.). Absent: Supervisor Robert Hutton.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Legislative Associate Karen Phillips, Parks and Land Use Director Dale Shaver, Parks System Manager Duane Grimm, Land Resources Manager Perry Lindquist, Supervisor Tom Schellinger, and Senior Financial Analyst Bill Duckwitz.

Approve Minutes of December 9, 2008

MOTION: Jeskewitz moved, second by Kolb, to approve the minutes of December 9, 2008.

Motion carried 6-0.

Correspondence

- SEWRPC Regional Water Supply Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin Newsletter, December 2008
- Notice of Public Hearing – Muskego Lake Management District, February 3, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. (The LUPE Committee meeting will be held subsequent to the Public Hearing)

Future Meeting Dates

- February 3, 2009: There will be a Public Hearing directly preceding the LUPE meeting. Brandtjen informed Ruf that she would not be present at the February 3 meeting.

Rolfs left at 11:38 a.m.

Meeting Approvals

Ruf stated that all County Board members are approved to attend the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) regional meeting at 9:30 a.m. on January 23, 2009, at the Country Springs Hotel.

Rolfs returned at 11:43 a.m.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 163-O-072: Release Of Limited Easement For Soil Testing - Town Of Merton, Waukesha County

Shaver stated that an attorney, representing the potential buyer of this property, brought the existence of this limited easement to the attention of Waukesha County. After further research it was learned that in 1983, Waukesha County had acquired a limited easement on this property in the Town of Merton that allowed for access to the land to perform soil testing for a potential landfill site. The current owner of the property wants to sell the property and the buyer is requesting the County to release the limited easement for soil testing.

Shaver explained that Waukesha County does not intend to develop a landfill at this location. This ordinance would formally authorize Corporation Counsel and Shaver to execute the proper paperwork to release that limited easement from the property.

Jeskewitz asked if any other properties within the County are under consideration for potential landfill sites in the future. Shaver said other than the expansions to the current landfill\$no other properties are being looked at for that purpose.

MOTION: Jeskewitz moved, second by Yerke, to approve Ordinance 163-O-072. Motion carried: 6-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 163-O-074: Hartmann Property Acquisition

Grimm explained the location of the proposed property acquisition area on a map.

Grimm stated that in the 1996 Park and Open Space Plan, this land was designated as Waukesha County property; however, there was a mapping inaccuracy, as the land was actually owned by someone else. The new Park and Open Space Plan shows the four acres as not being Waukesha County property. The property does implement the Waukesha County Park and Open Space Plan, it is consistent with the recommended Land Use Plan for Waukesha County and it protects more of the primary environmental corridor in the high quality area of Monches Park.

Grimm further explained this that this property consists of approximately 4 acres in the Town of Merton. This ordinance would authorize the County to purchase the property for \$260,000, at a cost of \$65,000 an acre. Two appraisals have been done on the property; one for \$260,000 and the other for \$220,000. Grimm showed photographs of the directional views and terrain of the property.

MOTION: Rolfs moved, second by Jeskewitz, to approve Ordinance 163-O-074.

Brandtjen asked if Tarmann Funds would be used for the purchase of this property, and whether it was a planned acquisition for this year. Grimm said yes, and added that there are sufficient expenditure appropriations in the 2009 Tarmann Fund Budget to fund this land purchase and related costs.

Rolfs asked if stewardship dollars would be used. Grimm confirmed that they would be applying for a Stewardship Grant Reimbursement. In reference to the appraisal amount, Rolfs added that he would like to see comparable sale prices of land within the area. Grimm stated he did not have that information with him, but he would make that information available.

Motion carried: 6-0

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 163-O-073: Approve Orchard Ridge/Orchard Ridge South Landfill Vertical And Horizontal Expansion Agreements

Lindquist explained this ordinance as outlined. He stated that this landfill has been expanded a couple of times. This particular expansion of Orchard Ridge/Orchard Ridge South landfill includes vertical and horizontal expansions. He explained this agreement extends the agreement of the previous expansion. The main issues discussed were well monitoring for the homes with onsite wells just to the West side, and the eventual agreement to replace the wells with municipal water. Discussion continued and Lindquist and Mader answered questions regarding the landfill expansion its implications for the future. .

MOTION: Jeskewitz moved, second by Brandtjen, to approve Ordinance 163-O-073.

Motion carried: 6-0.

On behalf of the Committee, Yerke thanked Brandtjen for providing lunch at this meeting.

MOTION: Brandtjen moved, second by Yerke, to adjourn at 12:12 p.m. Motion carried: 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Jeskewitz
Secretary